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- 1. CONCLUSION OF EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS IS THAT GOF WILL INSIST ON CHANGES IN MFA AT EC MARCH 8 MEETING AND THAT GOF DOES NOT EXPECT COMMUNITY TO HAVE AN AGREED POSITION FOR GATT TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 2. EMBASSY PREPARED AND DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE BASED ON PARAS 3-6 REFTEL TO DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT QUAI (FROMENT-MEURICE) AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL IN CHAFGE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS (PREVEL).
- 3. FROMENT-MEURICE TOLD ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS FULLY AWARE OF U.S. POSITION WITH WHICH GOF DID NOT FULLY AGREE. HE URGED FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH TEXTILE EXPERTS.

4. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATTER SEVERAL TIMES WITH PREVEL AND WITH WORKING LEVEL AT QUAI. THESE OFFICIALS DID NOT SAY EXACTLY WHAT CHANGES GOF WANTS TO SEE IN MFA

BEYOND GENERALITIES ABOUT SLOWING DOWN RATE OF GROWTH IN IMPORTS. THEY ALSO REFUSE TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY SPILL-OVER EFFECT INTO CIEC. THEY DO NOT EXPECT EC AGREEMENT ON MARCH 8 AND THEREFORE BELIEVE EC WILL HAVE NO POSITION FOR GATT TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING. PREVEL THOUGHT EC COULD HAVE A POSITION BY APRIL 5 AND THAT GATT TC MEETING COULD PERHAPS BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 11.

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